

(a) the details of various schemes of Government of Maharashtra lying pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) the action taken by the Union Government thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which the decision on these schemes is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) to (c) No scheme pertaining to the State of Maharashtra is pending at present with the Planning Commission for its clearance.

#### Child Labour

37. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI :  
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Authority for abolition of Child Labour has identified the areas in Uttar Pradesh having highest number of cases of Child Labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Union government for abolition and rehabilitation of Child Labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### Clearance to Power Projects

38. SHRI P.C. THOMAS :  
SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several private and public sector power projects from Kerala are pending for clearance of the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with capacity and estimated cost of each project;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has sought fuel linkage for setting up of Barge Mounted Power Projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the pending power projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The Government of Kerala had sought fuel linkage for setting up of Barge Mounted Power Projects to the extent of 500 MW. over and above, their regular allocation. The request had not been accepted.

[Translation]

#### Infectious Diseases

39. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infectious diseases and the number of patients suffering therefrom as on December 31, 1996, as compared to previous year in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any special drive is being launched by the Government for prevention of infectious diseases and treatment of patients suffering therefrom;

(c) whether any research work is being undertaken for eradication of infectious diseases and for providing medicines of good quality to patients suffering from infectious diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the types of diseases for which research is being undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) No reliable information is available on the infectious diseases. The State-wise details on the basis of report received by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence about the number of cases of communicable diseases during the year 1996 and 1995 is given in the Statement attached.

(b) to (d) There are several National Programmes for the control of communicable diseases which included AIDS, Malaria, TB, Leprosy, Guinea worm, Vaccine preventable diseases, diarrhoea, etc. where provision for treatment of patients suffering from these diseases has been made including supply of drugs. At present there are only 3 diseases which are being targetted for eradicate/elimination viz. Leprosy, Polio and Guinea worm. ICMR is conducting research in Polio and Leprosy through their own institutions and other research bodies.